

Journeying Together

Shalom Mennonite Church

June 14, 2018

WORSHIP

Our relationship with God

Last Sunday, June 10:

Frank Kandel preached about the spiritual discipline of service, looking to Jesus' act of washing his disciples feet as the ultimate model of what "servitude" looks like.

This Sunday, June 17:

Karla Minter from Mennonite Mission Network will bring the message.

Next Sunday, June 24:

Brian will bring the message.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Relationships at Shalom

Calendar

Sun. 9:30am Worship
11:00 am Sunday School

June 14-16 Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Meetings
June 21: Thriving Thursday
June 27: 7:00 am Morning Breakfast Group
June 28: Thriving Thursday
July 1: No Sunday School
July 3: Family Promise at First Mennonite Church
July 5: 6:30pm Meal/Bible Study
July 12: Thriving Thursday
July 14: 8:30am Eastside Creation Care Meeting
July 18: (WEDNESDAY) 6:30pm Meal/Bible Study
July 19: Thriving Thursday

DISCIPLING

Growing in our relationships

Summer Sunday School Schedule:

This summer we will have one intergenerational Sunday school class, so everyone except the children in the nursery will be with the adults. June schedule below:

Date	Topic	Leader
June: Service		
6/17	Mennonite Mission Network	Karla Minter
6/24	Prayer labyrinth/ meditation	Jeanne Smucker

OUTREACH

Relationships beyond Shalom

Indiana-Michigan Annual Sessions:

This week, from noon on Thursday, June 14 to noon on Saturday, June 16, the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference will be meeting for its Annual Sessions in Indianapolis. If you have never been to a conference event before, this is a great opportunity to experience it. There will be four worship services throughout that time that are open to the public and free of charge. For those who register for the entire event, there will be also Bible-based seminars, a service opportunity, an interfaith dialogue discussion, and a celebration meal featuring Burmese food at Emmanuel Living Christian Church. The cost of on-site registration is \$100, but if you would like to attend and the cost is an obstacle, contact a member of the pastoral team as sponsorships may be available. For more information, please follow [this link](#) where

you can see the online schedule and learn about the agenda that will be discussed during that time.

Thriving Thursday:

Thriving Thursday welcomes the Neighborhood into the Shalom Church Family from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 21 & 28 and July 12, 19 & 26. Let Frank know on which of these dates you can be present to help share the love of Jesus.

And guess what? The Neighborhood is joining us for: **A Bench for Caps**

ABC is our summer program to get a new bench for the playground that we share with our neighborhood. Marilyn Teel has the details!

Outreach Update:

Frank Kandel and I spent two recent Tuesday evenings walking in the neighborhood near Shalom. Our mission was to meet and talk with neighbors about Thriving Thursdays. We gave fliers with information about this youth outreach program and A Bench for Caps recycling project. Each neighbor we connected with was welcoming and interested in what we had to say. Many were willing to collect the plastic caps and lids we need to get the bench for our playground. We stressed that Shalom wanted the neighbors to know that our church family wants to share our playground with their families. Frank gave cards for parents to indicate their children's participation in the Thriving Thursdays activities. At some of our stops, we met children who were interested in and excited about our program. Several had attended last year and were happy that 5 sessions of Thriving Thursdays will be returning! Frank and I felt such joy after our visits with the people in our neighborhood!

-Marilyn Teel

Giving Corner:

We are doing School Kits for June and July. Florence is sewing the bags and we will fill the bags together on July 22. Feel free to contribute quantities of individual items or

whole kits. Please note the content additions from previous years.

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Save the date for Family Promise:

The next Family Promise --IHN is scheduled for the week of July 1 - 7. Shalom will participate by hosting on Tuesday, July 3rd. Please sign up to help if you are able to do so. Thank you for helping the homeless!!

-Solomon Abebe

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational support systems

Youth Room Plans:

The Building Committee (formerly Building & Grounds), in conjunction with the Administrative Commission is planning to remodel the Youth Room area, which includes a bathroom and the worship supply storage area. The project includes furnace, drywall, ceiling, lights, recondition doors, and electrical and telecommunication upgrades.

In order to make the space most suitable for future needs, we want to explore long-term plans for the room and how much flexibility it needs to have. Anyone who would like to participate with input should contact the Administration Commission at admin@shalommennonite.com no later than July 15.

A brief tour of the rooms for anyone interested will be offered by the Building Committee between Church and Sunday School on June 24 and July 1.

Pastor Brian on Vacation:

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from Monday, June 25 to Sunday, July 1. If you have any pastoral concerns during that time, please contact Sabrina Falls at sabrina@shalommennonite.com.

Milepost #439

I recently heard that the four seasons that I have always taken for granted living in the Midwest are actually somewhat of a rarity when considering world-wide climates. Most places on earth are more two seasonal. I was amazed again recently at how quickly the barren frostiness of winter becomes transformed into the lush greenery of spring. It took only a few weeks for stark empty trees around our house to become a lovely canopy of green.

Likewise, as we consider the life, death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus Christ as portrayed in Philippians 2, we see the explosive transformational power of God restoring life from death. "...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death...Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name..." The Apostle Paul asks us, as he asked the Philippians to "⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." As we consider the Spiritual Discipline of service this month, let us "³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

As the seasons change and those dead looking trees spring to life, so too, God wants to breathe new life into our tired and weary pathways. The song "Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord and He will Lift You Up" comes to mind. Let us remember Jesus's words in Matthew 11 "²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

-Pastor Frank Kandel

Do you have some thoughts to share about this month's spiritual discipline? The Pastoral Team invites you to share your thoughts as one of the weekly milepost entries. Please email Sabrina, Frank, or Brian to explore this further.

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